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Your Excellency, Mr. Charge d' Affaires for Greece, Your Worship -  
Mr. Mayor, Mrs. van Dyk - guests.

Words cannot express my thankfulness and joy in being able to welcome each and every one to the first Annual Ball of the Hellenic Community of Alberton, at this our own Community Centre.

No doubt most of us present here this evening - were present at the inauguration ceremony when I thanked each and every one for their aid in helping us build this centre. Once again - allow me to say "thank you" for your help and support as well as for the spontaneous support we have received towards making our ball a success.

Mr. Charge d' Affaires - allow me to express my sincere gratitude for your co-operation with us, and for making our interests those of your own.

Mr. Mayor, thank you for showing an interest in our affairs - I am certain you agree with me that this Community Centre has proven itself to be a long needed asset in Alberton. We were indeed privileged to have been able to accommodate your induction ceremony in our hall.

There is no hesitation in saying that centres such as these form an important part of peoples' cultural life. It enables people through association and the consequent exchange of ideas to achieve a better understanding and create a stronger bond, thus allowing for that richer co-existence amongst various language groups found in South Africa - a factor which every South African is very proud of indeed when having to face today's world of turmoil.

Allow me to express the prayer - Deo Volente - that this function will be the first of many functions which we will be able to attend together at this our Community Centre.

Dit is vir my 'n besondere voorreg om u almal vannaand hier te verwelkom.

Soos u weet is hierdie ons eerste dans in ons gemeenskaplike saal.

Meneer die burgemeester - ek wil weereens my dank uitspreek teenoor u raad vir die hulp en ondersteuning wat ons ontvang het. Ek is oortuig daarvan dat u saamstem dat hierdie saal reeds bewys het dat dit 'n aanwinst en noodsaaklikheid is vir die gemeenskap van Alberton.

In die kort tydjie van sy bestaan, is hierdie saal reeds gebruik deur verskeie Afrikaans en Engelse organisasies. Die Griekse Gemeenskap van Alberton beskou dit as 'n voorreg dat hulle van hulp kan wees teenoor hul mede inwoners, deur hierdie saal beskikbaar te stel tot die verskillende Suid Afrikaanse organisasies.

'n Spesiale woord van dank en waardering aan Mnr. & Mev. Jack Steyl wietenspyte van al hulle verpligtinge, die tyd kan spaar om ons funksies met hulle teenwoordigheid te vereer.

Hiermee wil ek u almal 'n baie genotvolle aand toewens en ek wil die hoop uitspreek dat hierdie dans nie die laaste byeenkoms sal wees nie maar wel die begin van nog baie gesellige funksies.